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"CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOULLESS"

In Deathwatch's building, Ghost Rider, Brass and Yuji are split into two groups while searching for the kidnapped Brigitte and Jack. Wolverine and Yuji take the low road through Deathwatch's forces, while Ghost Rider and Brass take the high road...

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"ONE INTO THREE WON'T GO!"

The Black Widow, ebony clad ex-Soviet super spy! Dark Star, mutant Soviet Super Soldier! Starlight, crimson consort to Serbei Krylon, once a celebrated Soviet scientist who has now become the radiation powered being called the Presence! When he decides that he should possess not one, but all three...

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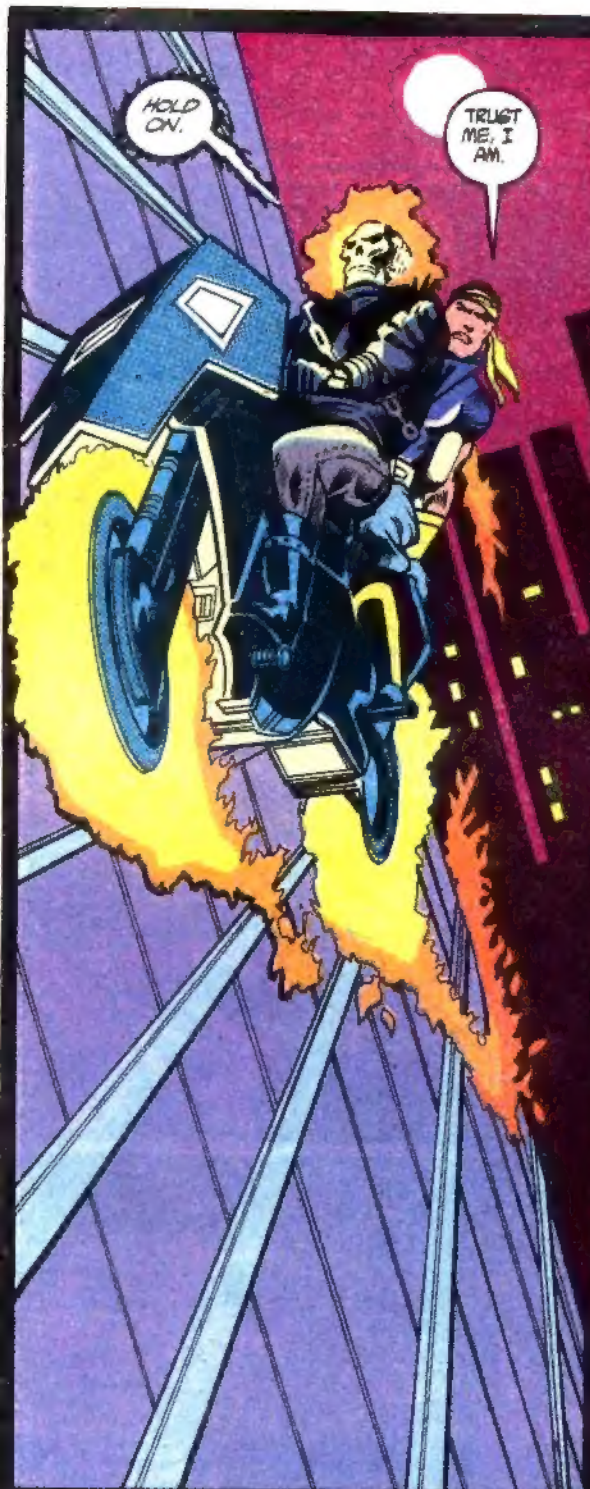
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ACTS OF VENGEANCE

PART
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CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOULLESS

FEATURING
WOLVERINE
AND
GHOST RIDER



HOLD
ON.

TRUST
ME, I
AM.

GHOST RIDER AND
BRASS HAVE TAKEN
THE EASY WAY UP TO
THE TOP.

I GUESS YETI AND I WILL
HAVE TO HOOF IT UP THERE
IF WE WANT TO CATCH UP
TO DEATHWATCH.

AND I DO
WANT MY PIECE
OF HIM.

LOGAN,
WE SHOULD
MOVE.

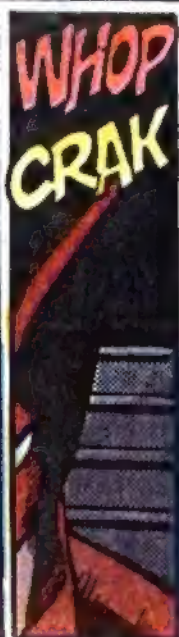
YEAH.



THE DOOR
IS OPEN.

THIS
IS TOO
EASY.







WHAT'S YOUR STAKE IN THIS THING, GHOST RIDER?

I AM THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE

THE MAN WHO HOLD YOUR BROTHER ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPILLING OF MUCH INNOCENT BLOOD.

I WILL SEE TO IT THAT MORE IS SPILLED--



--AND THAT VENGEANCE IS METED OUT.

IT APPEARS THAT YOU'RE HOT IN THE VENGEANCE BUSINESS, DEMON--



--I'M JUST A LITTLE LAME DISCRIMINATE ABOUT WHO GETS IN MY WAY.

THOK



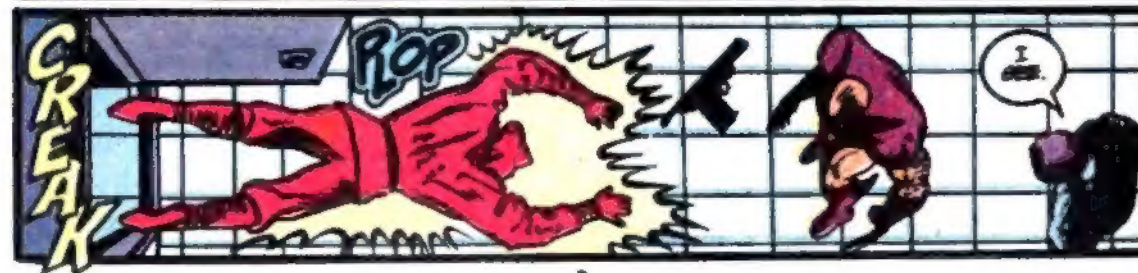
OUT OF MY MIND, YETI!!

LOGAN, I AM NOT YOUR BENEVO!



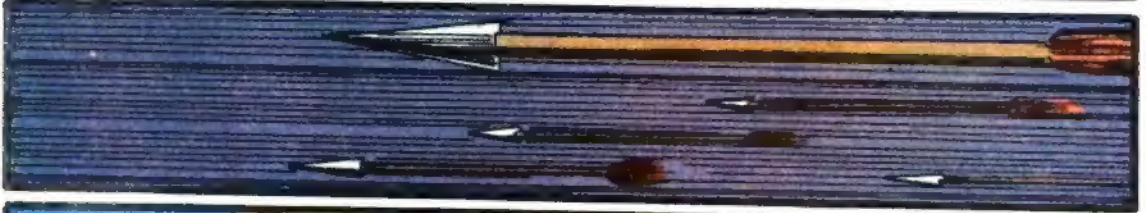
I KNOW.

THUP



POP

I









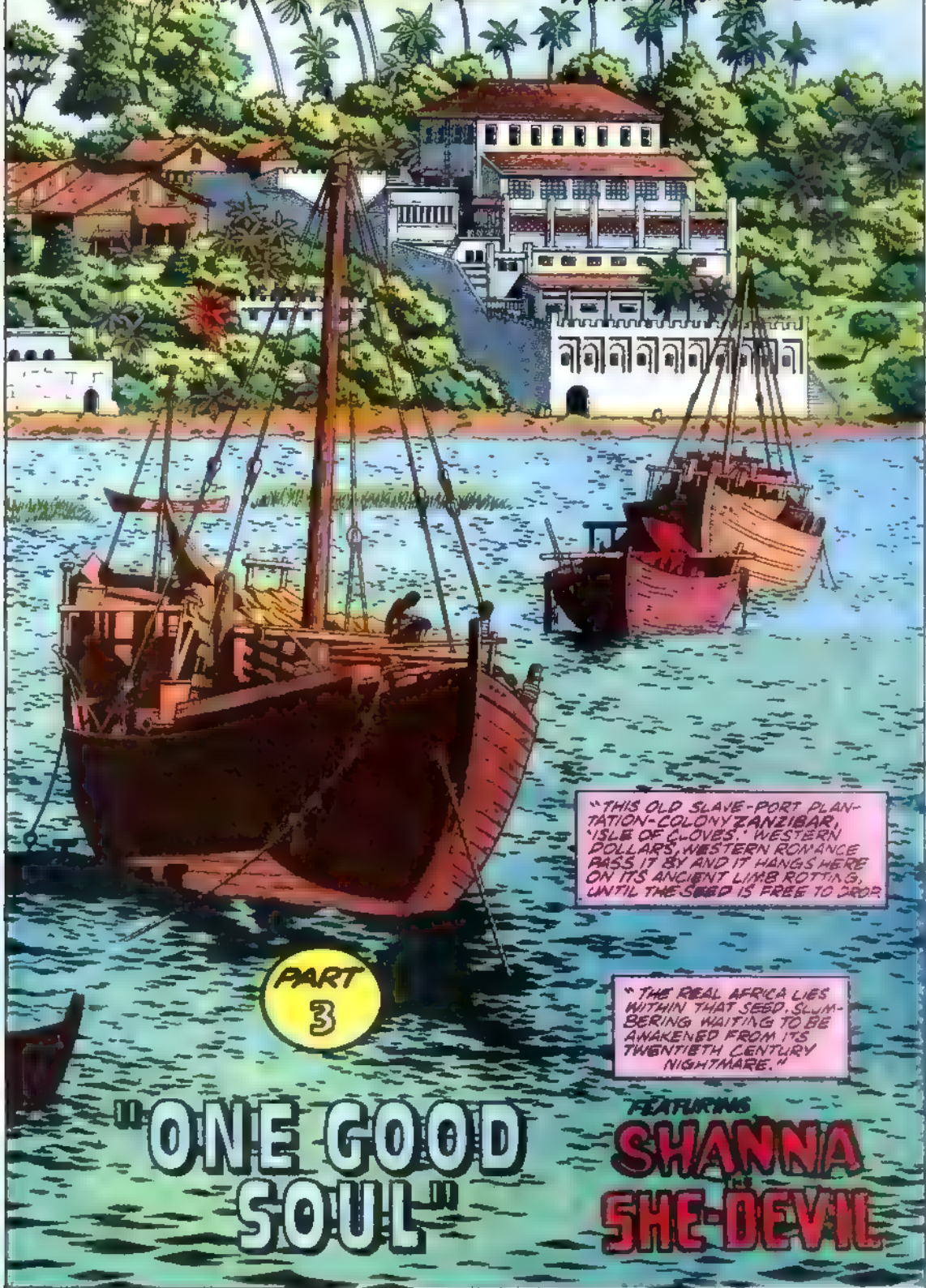


WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?



"LIKE
ROTTING
FRUIT."

THE BUSH OF GHOSTS



"THIS OLD SLAVE-PORT PLANTATION-COLONY ZANZIBAR, 'ISLE OF CLOVES,' WESTERN DOLLARS, WESTERN ROMANCE PASS IT BY AND IT HANGS HERE ON ITS ANCIENT LIMB ROTTING, UNTIL THE SEED IS FREE TO GROW."

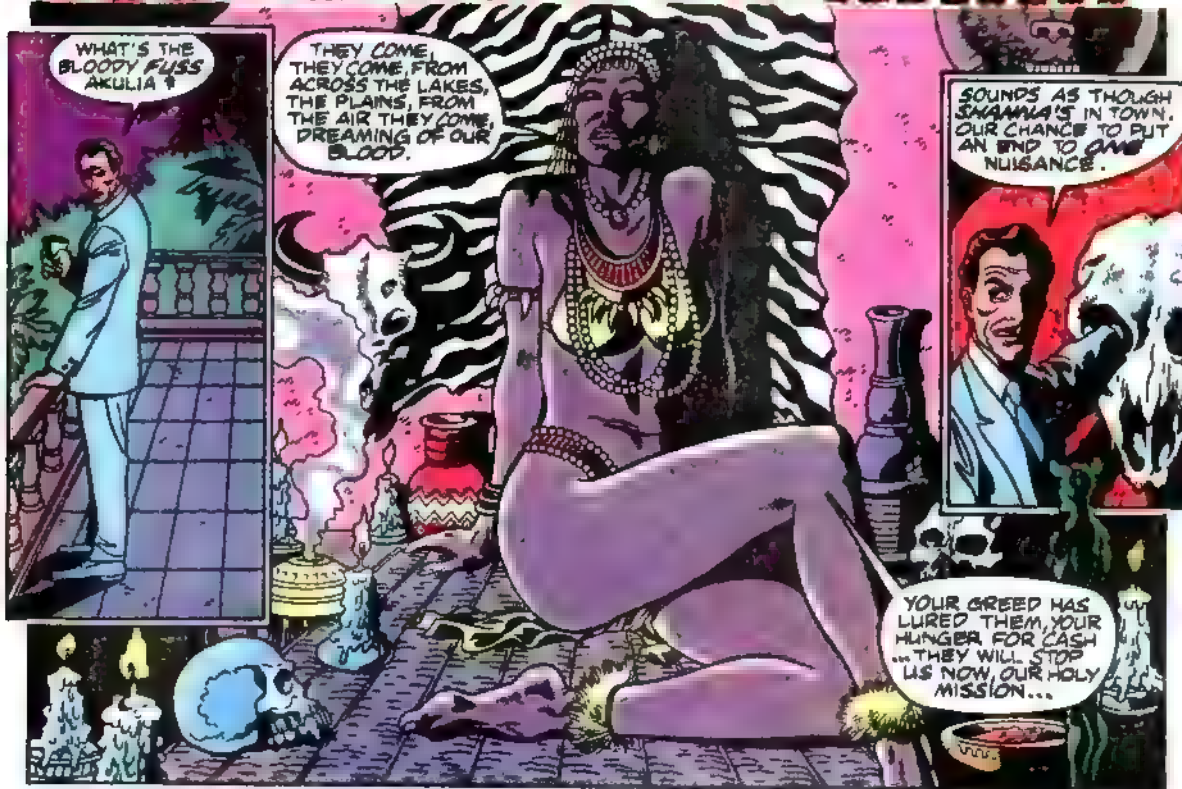
PART
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"THE REAL AFRICA LIES WITHIN THAT SEED, SLUMBERING, WAITING TO BE AWAKENED FROM ITS TWENTIETH CENTURY NIGHTMARE."

"ONE GOOD SOUL"

FEATURING
SHANNA
SHE-DEVIL

EEEEEA A A A A H H H H H



WHAT'S THE BLOODY FUSS AKULIA?

THEY COME FROM ACROSS THE LAKES, THE PLAINS, FROM THE AIR THEY COME DREAMING OF OUR BLOOD.

SOUNDS AS THOUGH SHANNA'S IN TOWN. OUR CHANCE TO PUT AN END TO ONE NUISANCE.

YOUR GREED HAS LURED THEM, YOUR HUNGER FOR CASH... THEY WILL STOP US NOW, OUR HOLY MISSION...

NONSENSE. EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE GONE PERFECTLY IF SHANNA HADN'T HAPPENED TO BE IN LONDON WHEN THOSE BEASTS WERE SLAUGHTERED.

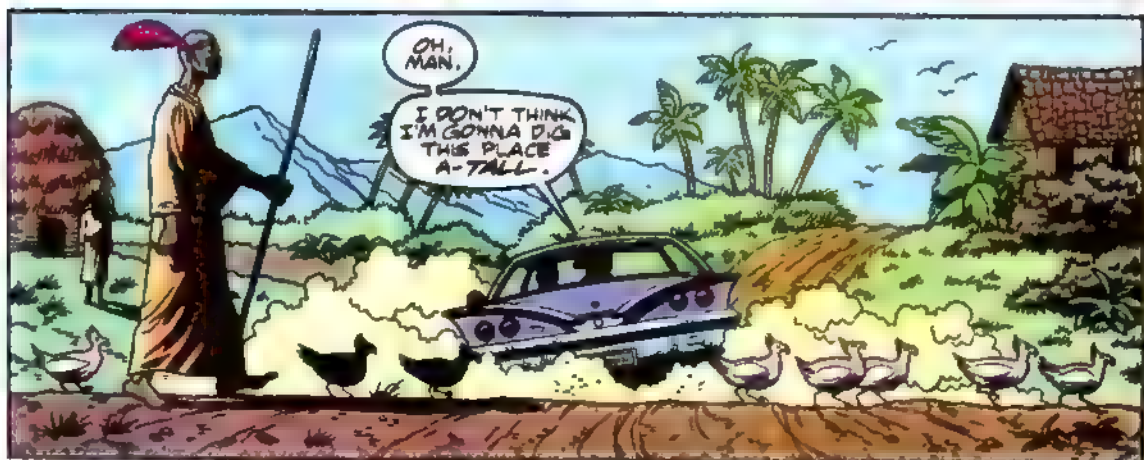
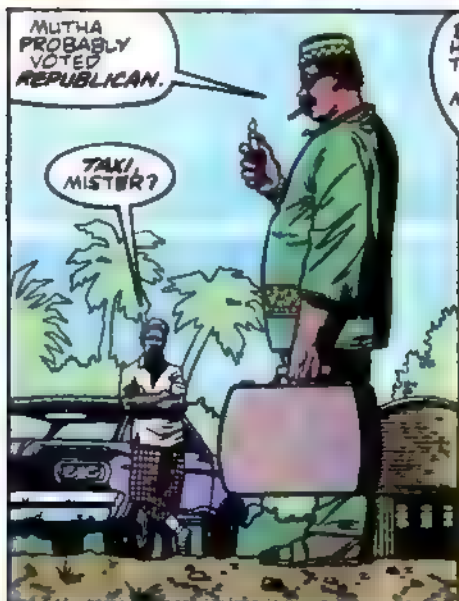
...AND GO ON ARMING THE WARRIORS.

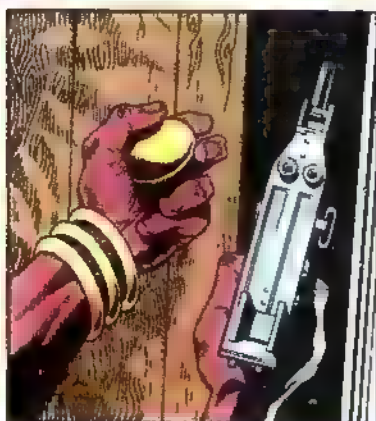
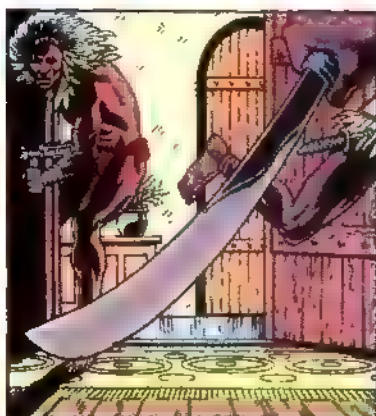
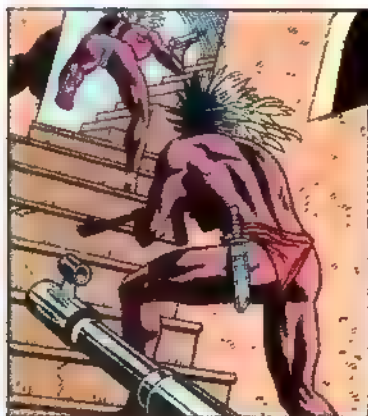
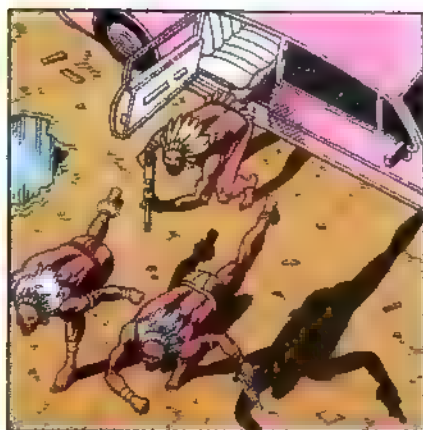
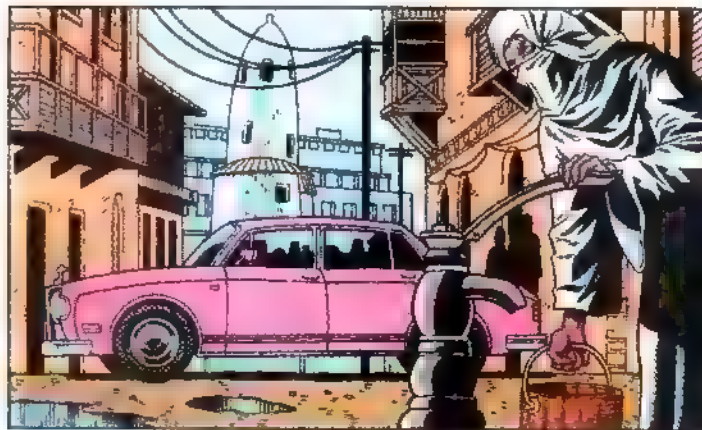
SHANNA-- THE WHITE LEOPARD-WOMAN-- HUNT HER! BRING HER HEAD ON A SPEAR!

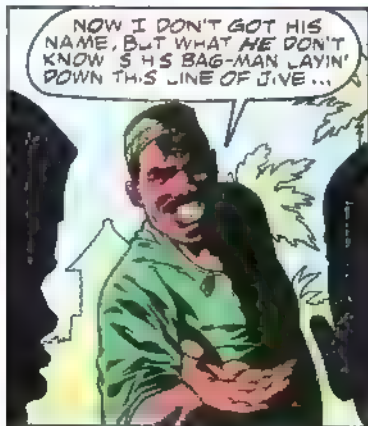
ONCE SHE'S DEAD, WE'LL PROCEED AS PLANNED. I'LL APOLOGIZE TO PLEASE WILSON, CONCLUDE OUR DIAMOND SALE...

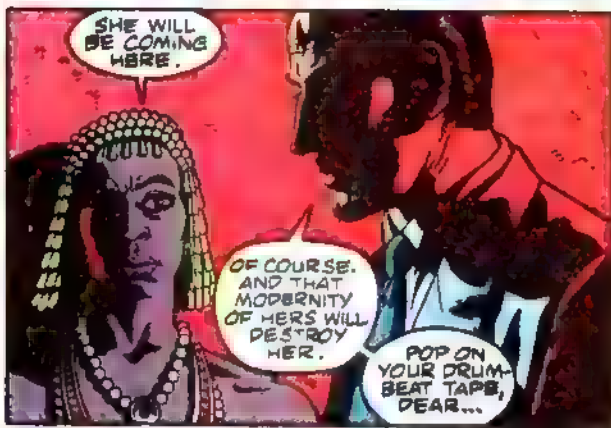
NO, NO, NO. I HAVE TOO MANY PLEASANT MEMORIES OF THAT HEAD.

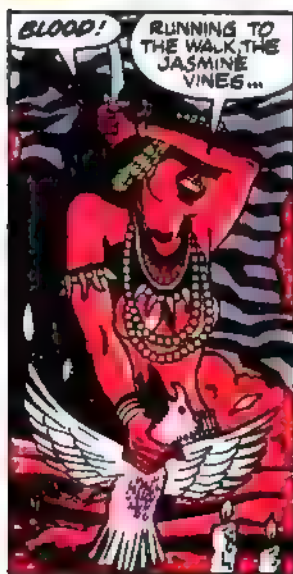
JUST DISMEMBER HER BODY AND LEAVE IT SOMEWHERE.

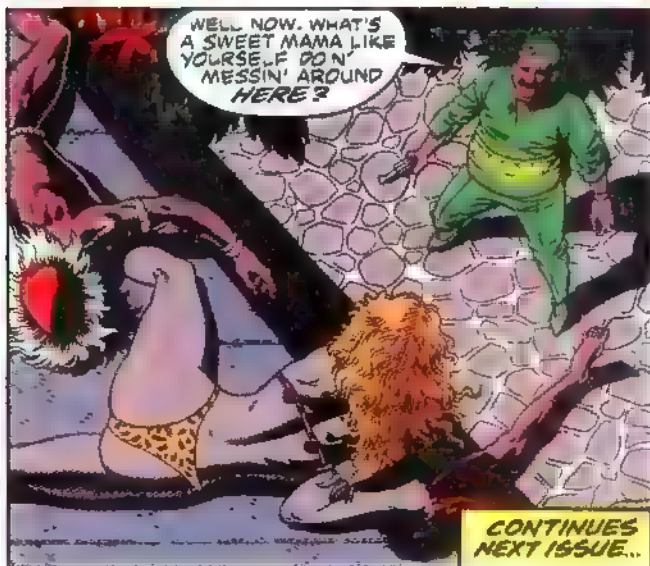
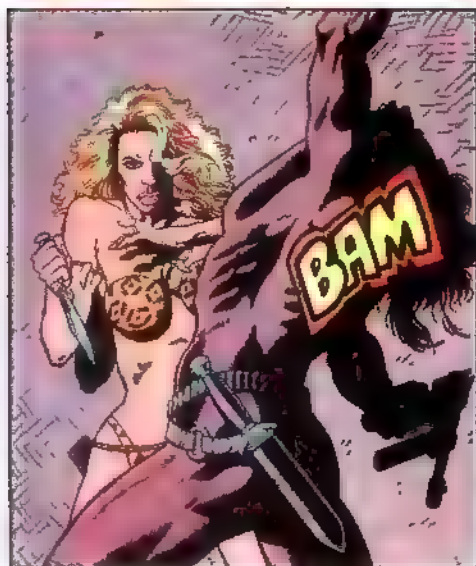
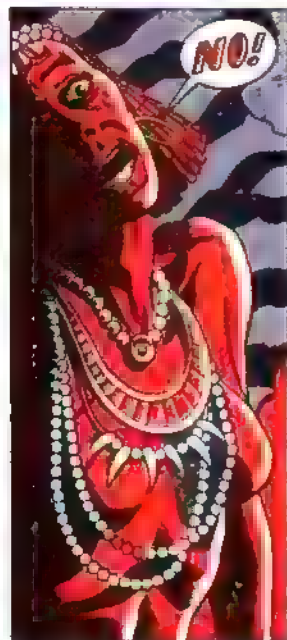
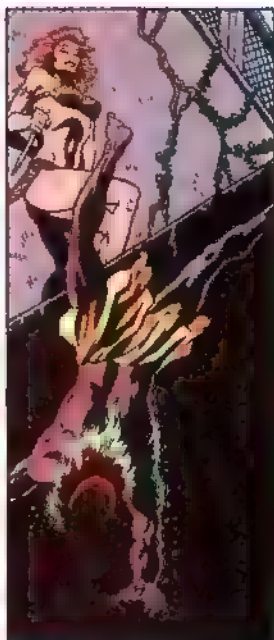
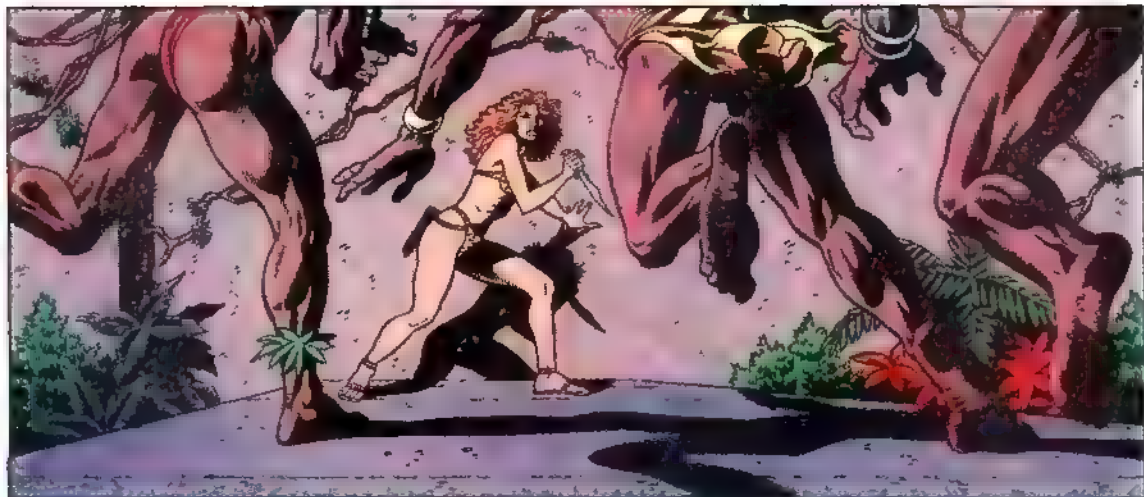


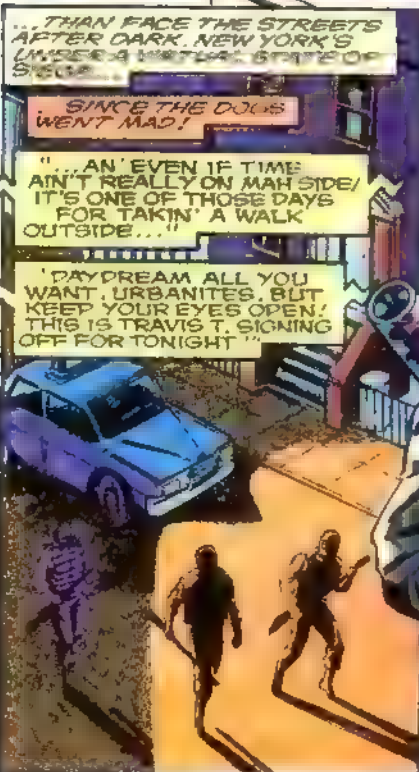
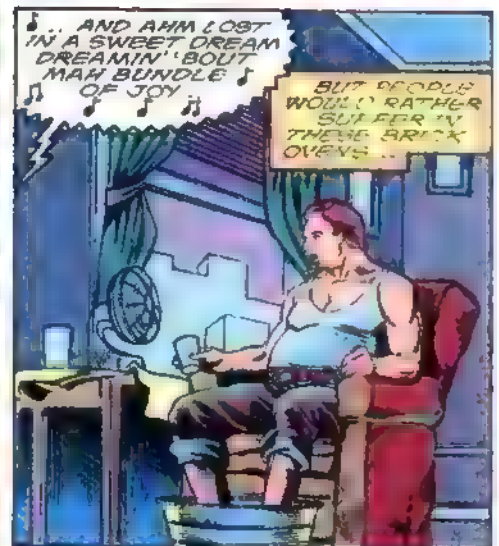












REDEMPTION SONG 2 PART

ELLINGTON WAS IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RABID DOGS BEING LOOSE IN THE CITY.

I WANTED TO HAND HIM OVER TO THE POLICE FOR QUESTIONING.

HE WAS BEING DIFFICULT.

IF YOU EVEN BLINK, DARDOWIC, THESE EXPLOSIVES HIT THE FLOOR.

HIS HEART'S RACING WITH EXCITEMENT! HE JUST MIGHT DO IT.

ALL I WANT TO DO IS PICK UP MY DIARIES AND LEAVE. EVEN YOU AREN'T ~~FAST~~ ENOUGH TO STOP ME!

WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE DOGS IS TOO IMPORTANT! I CAN'T--

WITH THAT THOUGHT I LEAPT FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT NIGHT. I SEEMED TO SURPRISE ELLINGTON.

NO! DON'T MAKE ME--

IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ALTER YOUR TRAJECTORY IN MIDAIR. HE THOUGHT I WASN'T FAST ENOUGH.

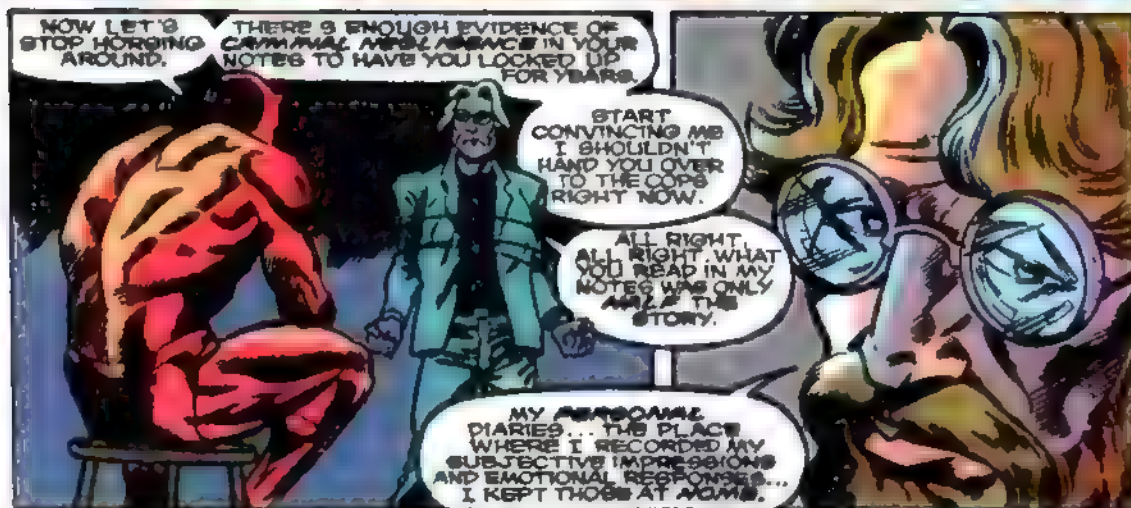
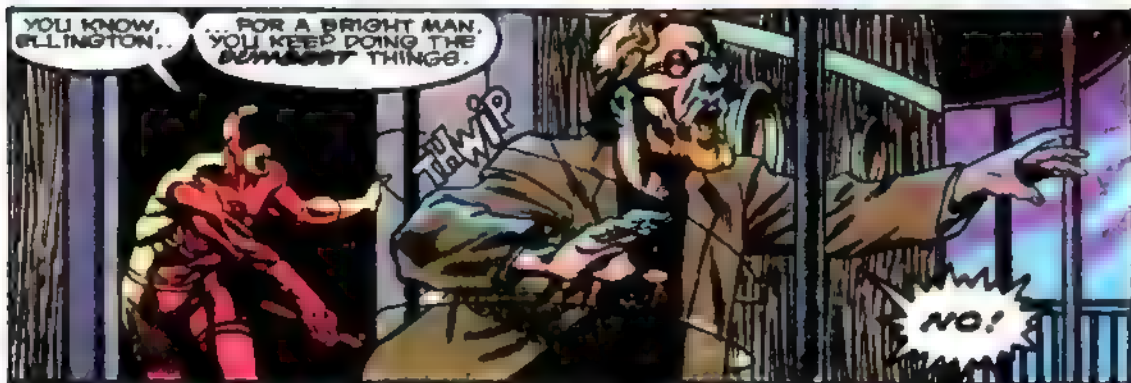
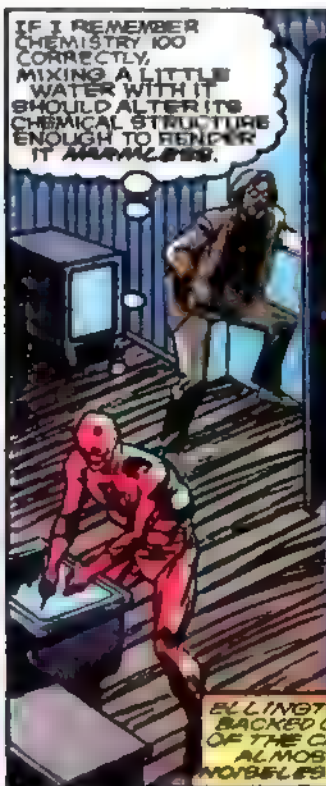
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO JUSTIFY YOUR REPUTATION.

WHETHER HE MEANT TO OR NOT--

...HE LET THE VIAL SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS.

...OR STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY.

THUD



"OCTAGON PUSHED OUR RESEARCH INTO AN INTELLIGENCE-BOOSTING DRUG NIGHT AND DAY."

"THEY WERE ANXIOUS FOR TESTING ON HUMAN SUBJECTS LONG BEFORE THE POTENTIAL SIDE-EFFECTS COULD HAVE BEEN DETERMINED."

"THEY THREATENED TO TAKE THE PROJECT AWAY FROM US IF WE REFUSED. I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT RECEIVE THE GLORY FOR MY DEVELOPMENT."

"WHILE THE OTHERS EQUIVOCATED."

"... I INJECTED MYSELF WITH THE FORMULA. YES, I KNOW IT WAS CRAZY, BUT I WAS DRIVEN, OBSESSED!"

"I THINK I WAS CLOSE TO DEATH A FEW TIMES DURING THE NEXT WEEK, BUT EVENTUALLY THE FEVER BROKE."

"THE RESULTS OF THE INJECTION WERE UNEXPECTED. INSTEAD OF A HIGHER I.Q., IT PRODUCED AN ACUTE PSYCHIC ABILITY."

"THAT'S RIGHT, DAREDEVIL. I CAN READ MINDS."

"IT SEEMED THAT WITH THIS NEW POWER, THERE WOULD BE NO LIMIT TO WHAT I COULD ACHIEVE."

"COLLECTING A HANDSOME BONUS FROM OCTAGON FOR MY EFFORTS WAS ONLY A FIRST STEP, A WAY TO FINANCE GREATER SCHEMES."

"... BUT SOMETHING STOPPED MY PLANS."

"THE NEXT TIME I MET WITH OCTAGON'S CHAIRMAN, I PROBED THEIR THOUGHTS. WHAT I SAW WAS A NIGHTMARE."

"GREED, DAREDEVIL. DREAMS OF AVARICE WITH NO MORALITY TO KEEP THEM IN CHECK."

"BUT WHAT FRIGHTENED ME MOST

"... WAS SEEING MY OWN DESPERATE NEED FOR SUCCESS MIMICRED IN THEIR DREAMS!



"I WAS NO BETTER THAN THOSE SOULLESS, GOD-FORSAKEN MONSTERS!

I CAN'T LET THEM HAVE MY NOTES. THE HARM THEY COULD DO WITH A POWER LIKE TELEPATHY IS INCALCULABLE!

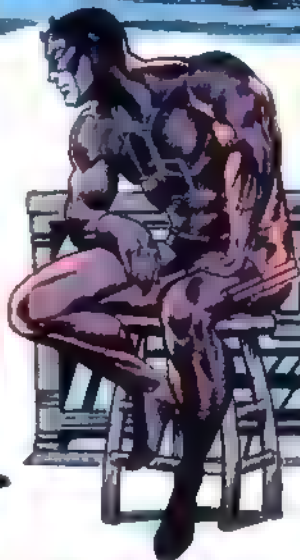
"I RAN, TAKING ALL THE IMPORTANT RESEARCH MATERIAL WITH ME.

"THE ROUTINE IN THE LAB BROKE DOWN. THE TEST ANIMALS--THE SUBJECTS OF THE DRUG EXPERIMENTS--MUST HAVE ESCAPED AROUND THEN.



'SOON THEY WERE FORMING PACKS, HUNTING THE SCIENTISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TORMENT.

OCTAGON HAS FINALLY CONTACTED THE POLICE. THERE'S A WARRANT OUT FOR MY ARREST.



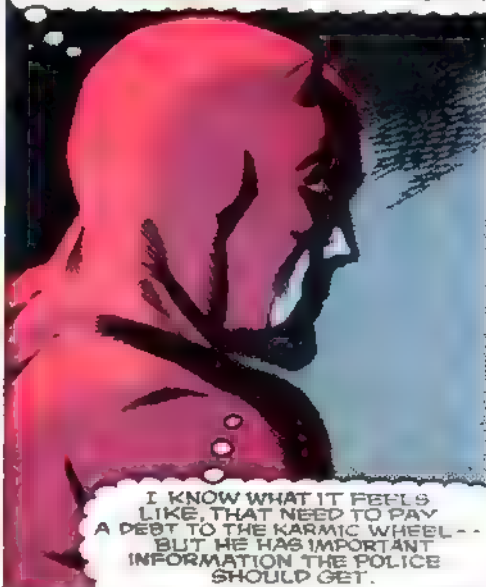
I SEE.

NO, YOU DON'T SEE! ALL MY LIFE I'VE SOLD MY TALENT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, NOT CARING WHAT IT WAS USED FOR

I'VE GOT TO... TO REDEEM MYSELF, AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME

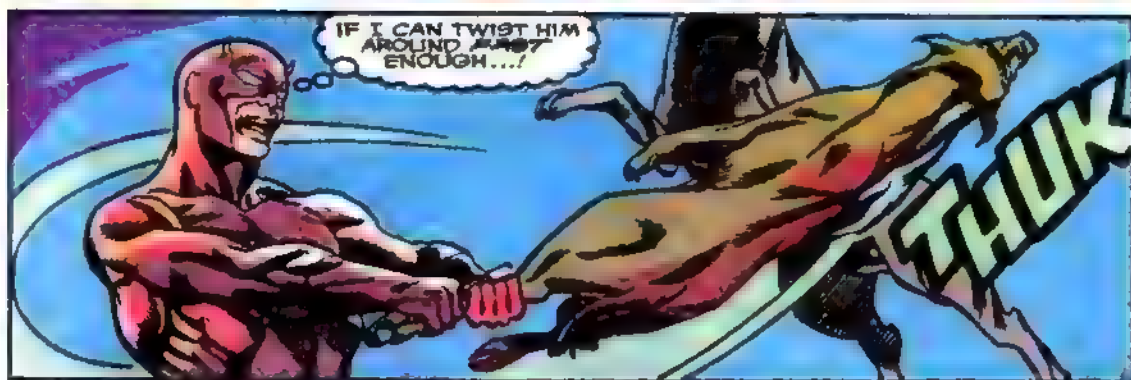


I TEND TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THIS GUY



I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE, THAT NEED TO PAY A DEBT TO THE KARMIC WHEEL-- BUT HE HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THE POLICE SHOULD GET.

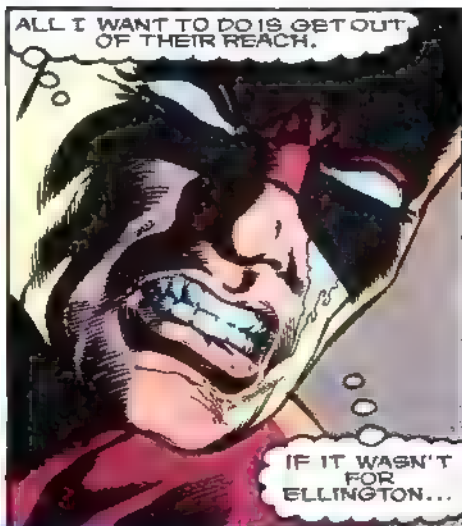






BUT THEY
JUST KEEP
COMING!

KRAK



ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET OUT
OF THEIR REACH.

IF IT WASN'T
FOR
ELLINGTON...

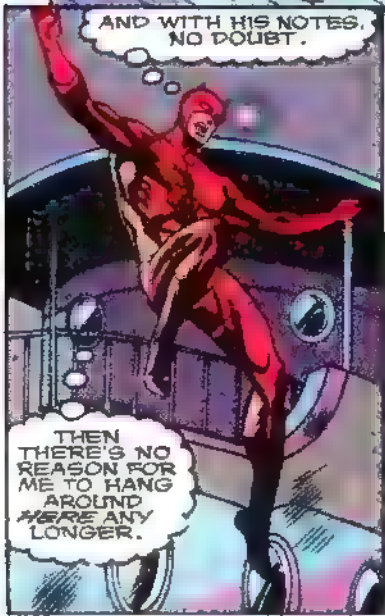


HOLD IT!
I'VE BEEN SO
PREOCCUPIED
WITH THESE
DOGS...

...I'VE LOST TRACK
OF THE PERSON
I'M SUPPOSED TO
BE PROTECTING!

NO HEARTBEAT
FROM THE CABIN.
NO SIGN OF HIM
ON DECK.

THE SLIMY
WEASEL HE
TOOK OFF WHEN
MY BACK WAS
TURNED.

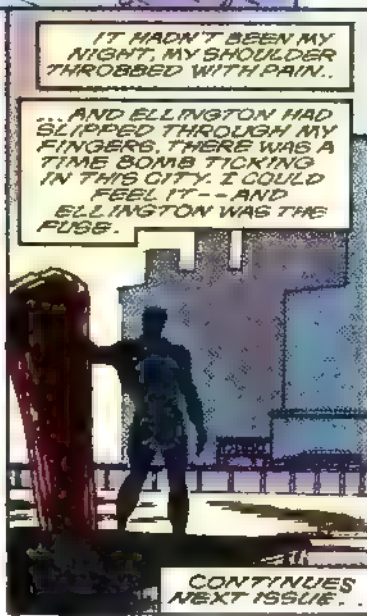


AND WITH HIS NOTES.
NO DOUBT.

THEN
THERE'S NO
REASON FOR
ME TO HANG
AROUND
HERE ANY
LONGER.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
TAKING A QUICK DIP IN
THE HUDSON FELT GOOD.



IT HADN'T BEEN MY
NIGHT, MY SHOULDER
THROBBED WITH PAIN..

...AND ELLINGTON HAD
SLIPPED THROUGH MY
FINGERS. THERE WAS A
TIME BOMB TICKING
IN THIS CITY. I COULD
FEEL IT--AND
ELLINGTON WAS THE
PUSS.

CONTINUES
NEXT ISSUE..

ONE INTO THREE
WON'T GO!

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN...

THIS IS
LARRY KANE REPORTING
LIVE--WHERE THE PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT THE
RUSSIAN SUPER HEROINE,
DARKSTAR, HAS BEEN GIVING
AS PART OF HER OFFICIAL
DIPLOMATIC TOUR...

...HAS, MOST SUDDENLY,
BEEN INTERRUPTED BY WHAT
LOOKS TO BE...

...THE BLACK WIDOW!

WHAT WE ARE NOW
WITNESSING, IN FULL
VIEW OF DARKSTAR'S
KGB ESCORT, IS YET
ANOTHER SURPRISING
EVENT...

...THANKS MOSTLY
TO THE MORE RELAXED
ATTITUDES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE U.S.S.R.'S
GLASNOST POLICY.

DARKSTAR, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE L.A.-BASED SUPER-GROUP, THE CHAMPIONS, IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET SUPER-SOLDIERS!

HIDDEN HIGH IN THE RUSSIAN EARTH-
THICKS THAT ARE THE MOUNTAINS
OF SIBERIA, A RANDOMLY
MONITORED BROADCAST WAS
CAPTIVATED THE ATTENTION
OF SERGEI KRILOV!

SERGEI KRILOV, WHO, BY ACCIDENTALLY ASSOCIATING
HIMSELF DURING A
NUCLEAR EMER-
GENCY...

... HAS BECOME
THE RADIATION
POWERED
PRESENCE!

... OF COURSE,
THE BLACK WIDOW, WHO
DEPARTED TO THE U.S.
YEARS AGO -- WAS
ORIGINALLY A SOVIET
AGENT!

UNTIL
NOW, IT WAS BARELY
LIKELY THAT
THESE TWO WOULD BE
PERMITTED TO FREELY
ASSOCIATE!

THE
TWO WOMEN ARE
LEAVING TOGETHER
AND SEEM TO
BE --

I MUST
WINE THEM!

TOO LONG HAVE I
CONTENTED MYSELF WITH
THE POSSESSION OF ONLY
YOU -- STARLIGHT!

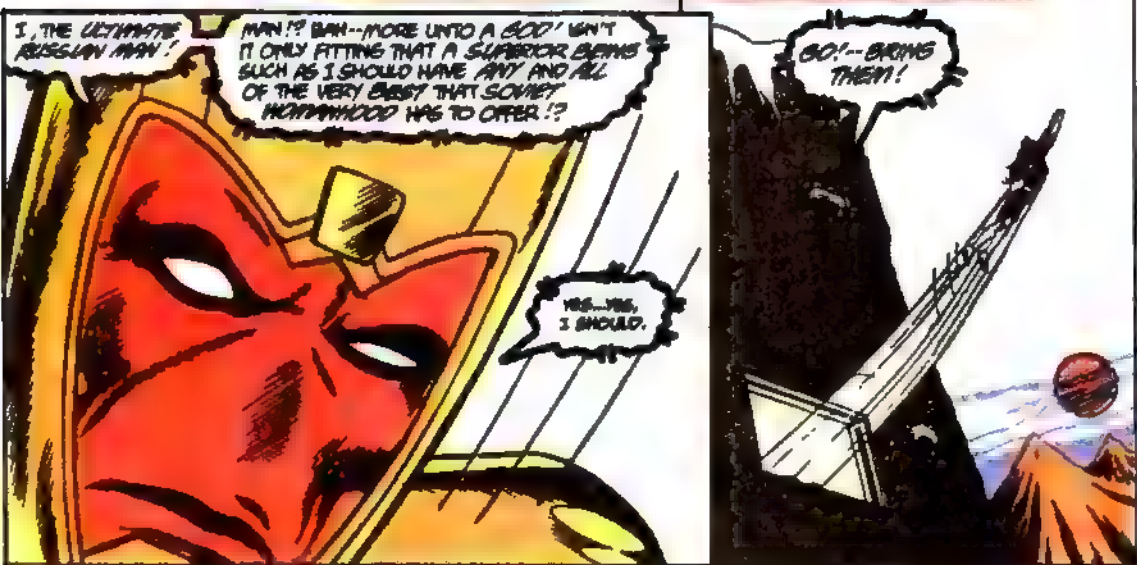


I, THE ULTIMATE
RUSSIAN MAN!

MAN!? BAH--MORE UNTO A GOD! WON'T
IT ONLY FITTING THAT A SUPERIOR BEING
SUCH AS I SHOULD HAVE ANY AND ALL
OF THE VERY BEST THAT SOVIET
HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER!?

YES...YES,
I SHOULD.

GO! -- BRING
THEM!

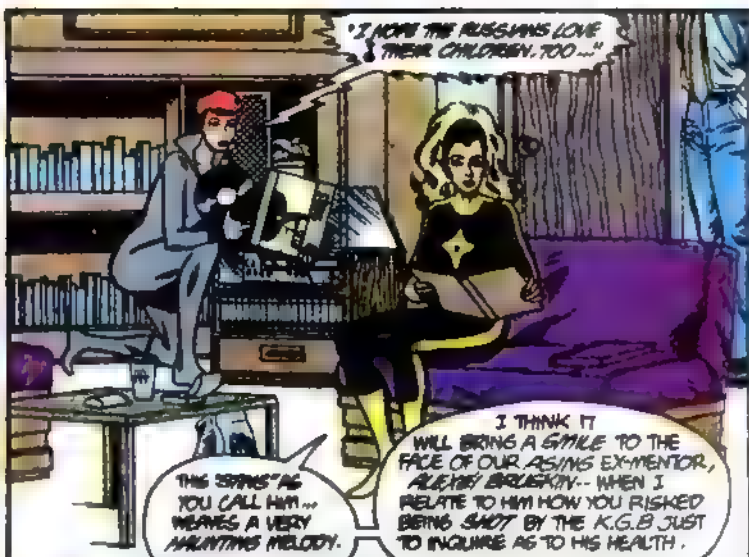




AFTER A LONG DAY...

YOU HAVE A
LOVELY APARTMENT,
NATASHA...

...AND IT
HAS BEEN AWAY TOO
LONG SINCE I'VE
EATEN FOOD SOLELY
FOR ITS TASTE.



I HOPE THE RUSSIANS LOVE
THEIR CHILDREN, TOO...

THIS SINGS AS
YOU CALL HIM...
WEARS A VERY
MAINTENANCE MELODY.

I THINK IT
WILL BRING A SMILE TO THE
FACE OF OUR ASING EX-MENTOR,
ALEXIS BRIGANTY-- WHEN I
RELATE TO HIM HOW YOU RISKED
BEING SHOT BY THE K.G.B. JUST
TO INQUIRE AS TO HIS HEALTH.



I CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE THAT
WAS ME...

...BUT IT WAS-- A
VERY DIFFERENT
ME!

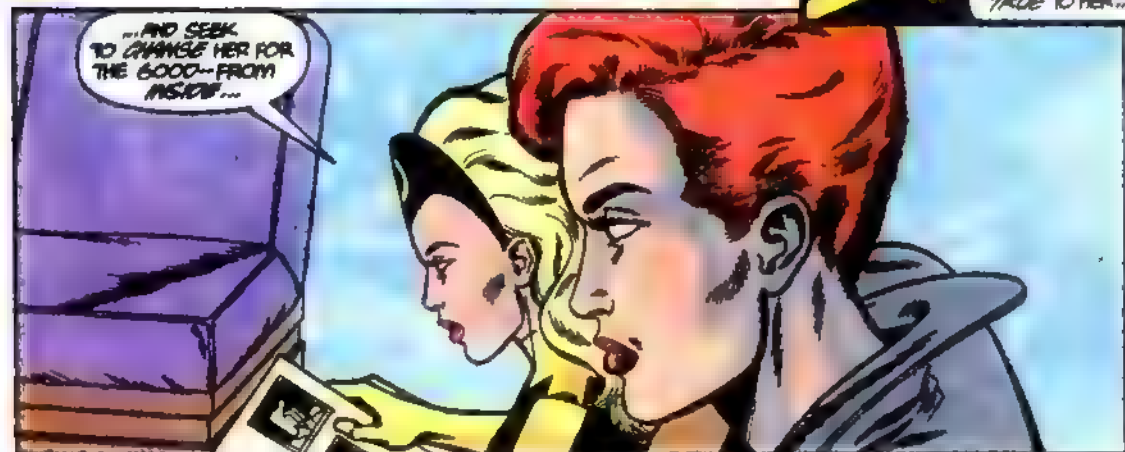


THEN TOO,
IT WAS A VERY DIFFERENT
RUSSIA -- IT WAS A RUSSIA
THAT I COULD NO LONGER LOVE!



SOME OF US, CONRADE,
STILL LOVE MOTHER
RUSSIA!

WE REMAIN
TRUE TO HER...



...AND SEEK
TO CHANGE HER FOR
THE GOOD-- FROM
INSIDE...



"TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN...TK

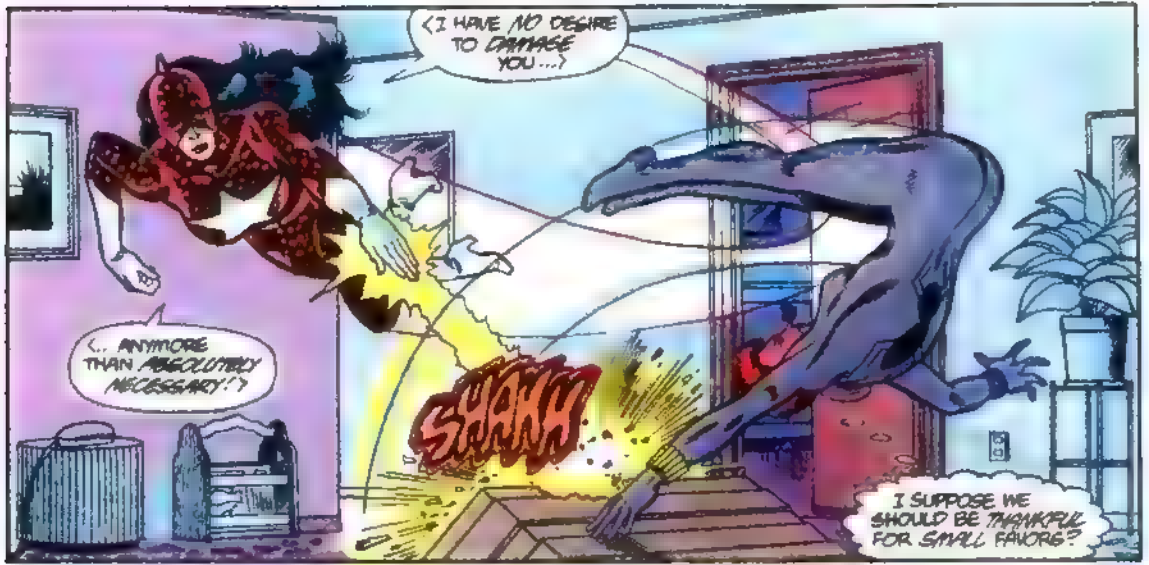


<KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE BOUNDLESS JOY OF JOINING WITH ME IN THE SERVICE OF OUR MASTER... COMRADE SERGE! KRYLOV!>

<MASTER??>

<I'D HATE TO APPEAR LESS THAN GRATEFUL FOR RECEIVING THIS "HONOR"...>

...BUT WE'RE NOT "JOINING WITH" ANYONE!>



IT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS AN INTENSE BLACK FORM OF EXTRADIMENSIONAL ENERGY! IT IS NOT QUITE CLEAR JUST WHAT THAT IMPLIES...

... BUT IT IS AN ENERGY THAT THE RUSSIAN MUTANT COMMANDS!

IT IS... THE DARKFORCE!

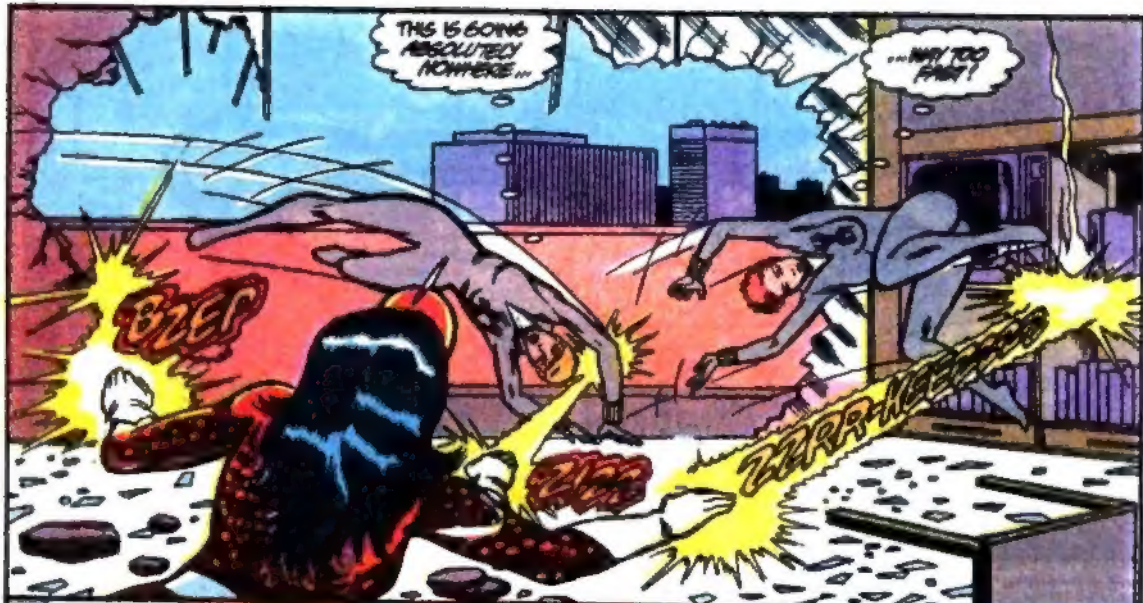


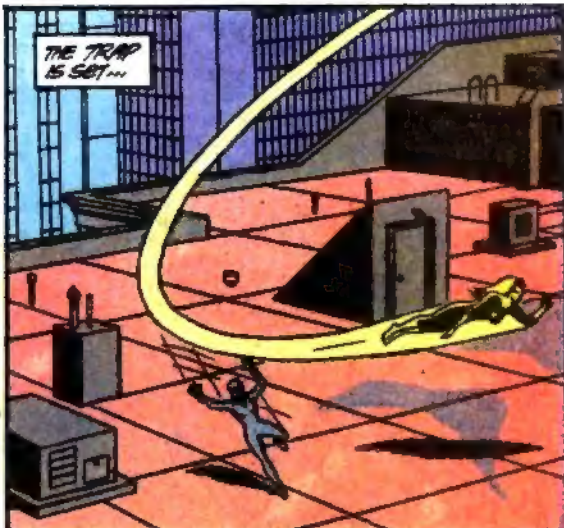
<I WARN YOU-- YOU SEEK TO OPPOSE FORCES THAT YOU CAN'T HOPE TO OVERCOME!>



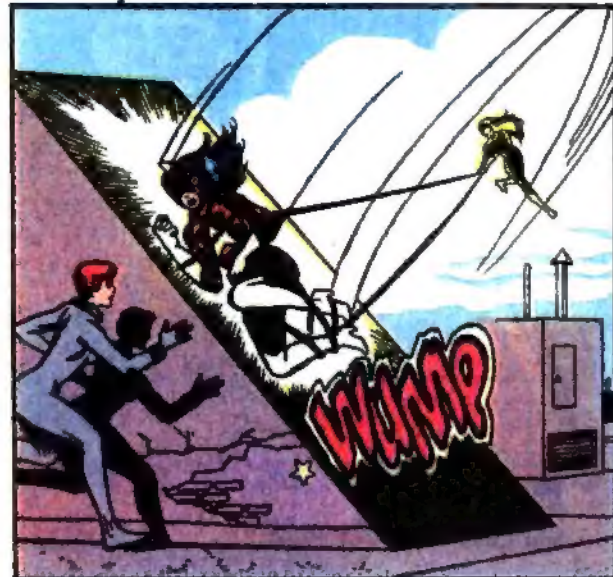
<WITNESS WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED--WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE PRESENCE!>







...AND TAKEN!



TRANSPORTED TO THE **EBONY** OTHER-
PLACE-- WHERE THE ALL-ENCOMPASS-
ING PROPERTIES OF THE DARKFORCE
MAY CAUSE A MOMENTARY "SHORT
CIRCUIT" IN THE POWER OF THE
PRESENCE...

<GUARDIAN...TANIA...!
IT'S ME-- NATASHA!
WHAT YOU'RE DOING
IS NOT WHAT YOU
WANT TO-->

<DO YOU HEAR
ME? I KNOW
YOU'RE IN
THERE...>

<DON'T RELINQUISH CONTROL
OF YOUR OWN MIND...OR
YOUR HEART!>



LATER...

<WELCOME BACK,
COMRADE STARLIGHT--
I TRUST YOU ARE
YOURSELF AGAIN?>

<I CERTAINLY HOPE
SO! I DON'T THINK I
COULD TAKE ANOTHER
EPISODE IN THAT
DIMENSION!>

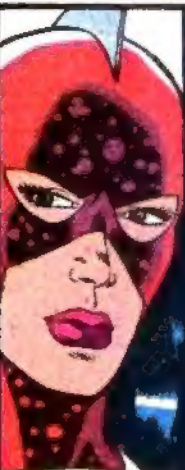
<...OH...
WHAT...WHERE
AM I...?>

<HOW ABOUT
SOME ANSWERS TO
CERTAIN OBVIOUS
QUESTIONS??>



<YES--ANSWERS! IS SERGEI
KIROV SO MISERABLE AS TO
SEND YOU, HIS... MATE TO
RETRIEVE US--ME, HIS VERY
DAUGHTER TO BE HIS...HIS...?>

<YOUR FATHER
IS VERY ILL...>



<EVEN THOUGH
HE HURTS ME DEEPLY,
I KNOW IT IS NOT
TRULY HE THAT DOES SO...>

<I BEG YOU--DO NOT
INTERFERE--ALLOW ME
TO RETURN TO HIM AND,
THROUGH MY LOVE...>

<...HELP HIM
TO RETURN
TO ME...>



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